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1. At about 12:30 p.m. on 23 February 1954, a column of 102 motor vehicles, including 20 trucks occupied by each 20 soldiers armed with pistols and light machine guns; 3 radio trucks, 3 ambulances, about 26 to 28 trucks occupied by each about 20 troops and towing 20 x 37-mm AA guns, 4 trucks with field kitchens, 20 trucks occupied by each 3 to 4 soldiers and mounting AA machine guns, 5 of which were covered by tarpaulins; about 20 trucks occupied by troops, about 6 to 8 canvas-covered trucks and 1 sedan occupied by 1 lieutenant colonel and 2 majors, passed the Oder-Spree Canal on a wooden bridge, coming from Frankfurt/Oder and proceeding toward south via Muellrose. Almost all of the vehicles were new vehicles without numbers. Source was not able to determine the service color of the troops, as they wore winter uniforms.¹

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2. At 4 p.m. on 24 February, a shipment of 48 trucks, 1 jeep, 1 trailer, 16 guns and 8 boxcarloads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through the Genthin railroad station, proceeding toward west. All motor vehicles had a large white circle painted on their hoods.

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1. Comment. a column, probably of the 288th Gds AAA Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, which included 16 light AA guns and proceeded in the same direction. See . The column mentioned in the present report, therefore, is believed to belong to the 32d AAA Div (US). The units may have transferred to the Halle-Brand area, in which elements of the Third Gds Mecz Army and the IV Arty Corps from Paderborn and Potsdam participated in exercises held there.

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